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SUBJ: (U) HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION DECRIES GOVERNMENTAL REPRESSION

1. (U) EL SALVADOR'S COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS (CDH) PLACED INSERTION IN FEBRUAY 4 PAPERS LISTING INCIDENTS OF REPRESSION DURING LAST NINE DAYS OF JANUARY. ACCORDING INSERTION, DURING THIS PERIOD 162 DIED, OVER 200 WERE WOUNDED, AND 42 DISAPPEARED OR WERE CPATURED. MAJOR INCIDENTS MENTIONED BY CDH ARE FOLLOWING:
-46 DEADN 200 WOUNDED, AND 22 DISAPPEARED OR CAPTURED DURING JANUARY 22 DEMONSTRATION IN SAN SALVADOR.
-38 DEAD AND ABOUT 10 WOUNDED DURING JANUARY 24 "MILITARY OPERATION" IN AGUILARES.
-11 DEAD AND 6 CAPTURED DURING JANUARY 25 "REPRESSION OR STRIKE" IN SANTA ANA.
-23 DEAD IN "ALLEGED CONFRONTATION" IN COATEPEQUE ON JANUARY 26.
-4 DEAD AND 14 CAPTURED ON JANUARY 30 WHEN SECURITY FORCES DROVE OCCUPIERS OUT OF CHURCH IN SAN MIGUEL.

2. (U) ACCORDING CDH, REPRESSION GENERATED BY "COERCIVE APPARATUS OF STATE" IS REACHING "UNHEARD OF" LEVELS. "NEVER BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF EL SALVADOR HAS THERE BEEN SUCH A GRAVEDO OLATION OF THE OST ELEMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS."

3. (LOU) COMMENT: STATISTICS APPEAR TO BE BASED ON REPORTS TO CDH WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE BEEN ACCURATE. WE NOTE THAT LIST OF INCIDENTS DOES NOT INCLUDE KIDNAPPINGS AND ASSASSINATIONS CARRIED OUT BY EXTREME LEFT, AND IT DOES NOT MENTION THAT IN SOME CITED CASES CASUALTIES RESULTED FROM SELF-DEFENSE AGAINST INCIDENTS INTIATED BY EXTREME LEFT. DESPITE OBVIOUS CDH BIAS, THE INSERTION IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF PRESENT LEVEL OF VIOLENCE IN EL SALVADOR.
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